Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Helen Arlene McLain was born on August 12, 1935, to Harold McLain and Alma Vorseth McLain at the Vorseth grandparents farm northwest of Bryant, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Helen graduated from Lake Preston High School in 1953, received her teaching certificate from General Beadle State Teachers College in 1954, and taught country school for two years; and,

Whereas, Helen married Alec Vedvei on October 30, 1955, at the Lake Preston Lutheran Church, giving life and love to four children: Jean Renae, Alan Joe, Charles Vernon, and Jon Scot, and their lives were further blessed with twelve grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a new addition soon to arrive; and,

Whereas, Helen cared for her children much in the same way she was raised by her parents, bringing them up in the Christian faith and dedicating herself to them, while at the same time she worked beside Alec on their farm; and,

Whereas, In 1990, Helen and Alec moved from the farm to Lake Preston, where Helen has adjusted well to sharing coffee with friends, playing cards, and working at the library; and,

Whereas, Helen has given generously of her time and talents to the Lutheran Church as a Sunday school teacher, superintendent, singing in the choir, serving on the church council, and serving as an officer at the local, conference, and synodical levels of the church; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as governor to recognize Helen as my favorite mother-in-law and as one of South Dakota's outstanding citizens as she celebrates her 75th Birthday:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 12, 2010, as

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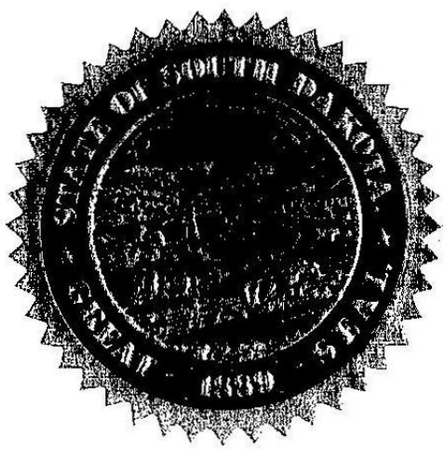
in South Dakota, and I join in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State